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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP - NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR ONE
PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE FOR EURP - TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(MAY 8 - 26, 2006)

REF: STATE 004520

POST WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE ONE PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE FOR
SUBJECT PROGRAM: MR. ANTOINE SAINTOYANT.

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):
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START NOMINATION:
ECA-OFFICE: E/VGE
PROG-AGENCY-NAME:
POST-PROJ-ID: 277
ECA-PROJ-NO:
PROJ-NAME: FY 2006 - EURP Trade and Economic Development
START MEMO PROJ-DESC:
This project is intended to give economic and trade
specialists, policy planners, academics, economic journalists
and labor leaders an understanding of the U.S. economic system
and the domestic economic forces that influence U.S. trade
policy and the policy-making local initiatives in
international trade and export promotion, and innovative
strategies for regional economic development.
END MEMO PROJ-DESC:
PROJ-TYPE: Regional
PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor
FY: 2006
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STATUS: N
ORIGINATOR: P
SUBJ-DISC: Trade
START BIO:
PREFIX: Mr.
F-NAME: Antoine
M-NAME:
L-NAME: Saintoyant
SUFFIX:
POSITION-CODE: 0
PRINCIPAL?: Yes
M-ADDR1: Ministere de l'Economie et des Finances
M-ADDR2: Direction des Relations Economiques
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M-CITY: Paris
M-STATE:
M-CNTRY: France
M-ZONE: 75572
M-ZIP:
M-PHONE: + (33) 1.53.18.82.63
M-FAX:
M-EMAIL: antoine.saintoyant@dree.org
M-CNTRY-ID: FR
M-ADDRTYPE: B
GENDER: M
DOB: 08/28/1977
MAR-STAT: M
BIRTH-CITY: Paris
BIRTH-CNTRY: France
CITIZ-CNTRY: France

RES-CNTRY: France
START MEMO POSITION:
Deputy Office Head, Foreign Agricultural Policy, Trade and
Development, Trade Directorate, Ministry of Economy, since
2003
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
June-December 2001 - Acting Cabinet Head, Prefecture of Ariège
January-June, 2001 - In charge of European Cooperation issues,
Embassy of France in Jordan
September-November 1997 - Trainee, Directorate General of the
Cultural, Scientific and Technical relation, Scientific and
Technical cooperation department, U.S. Office, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Paris
October-November 1996 - Trainee, Accounting Management
Services, Societe Generale, Paris
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
None
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
Jordan - January-June 2001, training at French Embassy
Canada, Turkey, Jordan, Morocco, India, Vietnam - Tourism

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
2001-2003 - College for Senior Civil Servants, Paris and
Strasbourg
1998-1999 - International Studies Certificate in Economics,
University of Bonn, Germany
1995-1998 - Institute for Political Studies of Paris (civil
service section)
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
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OTHER-LANG-ID: QB
READ: 0
SPEAK: 0
COMP: 0
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START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
Our principal objective is to strengthen our contact with a
potential high-level civil servant in the French government
trade bureaucracy and help him better understand the US
position on key economic issues. We expect that in the near
future we will continue to deal with Mr. Saintoyant in his new
post. In the more distant future he is likely to become a more
influential player on the whole range of US-EU trade issues.
By having him visit the United States for the first time early
in his career and via this program, we will solidify Mr.
Saintoyant's appreciation for the importance of Franco-American
cooperation on trade relations and his understanding of the
extensive common interests shared by the US and France on
trade liberalization.
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
Mr. Saintoyant would be an excellent participant in the
project "Trade and Economic Development." This subject is at
the center of European and French thinking on how to maintain
forward momentum in multilateral trade negotiations, since the
commitment of developing countries to trade liberalization is
essential to the success of future WTO negotiations. The
French finance ministry's trade directorate is the source of
some of the most creative thinking in Europe on this topic.
Mr. Saintoyant could provide valuable insights on how free
trade can help spark economic growth in developing countries,
while also offering a sophisticated presentation of the limits
of trade liberalization in dealing with world poverty.
END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Sylvie Vacheret

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Saintoyant's past experience and future prospects make him an ideal candidate for the IV Program. After graduating from the prestigious Ecole Nationale d'Administration, a college for future high-level civil servants, he was hired to his current position at the Ministry of Economics and Finance. This billet is a very sensitive one for American interests as is demonstrated by the fact that this job put him in charge of handling international negotiations pertaining to agriculture and development issues. He is a desirable candidate for this program because the issues he is in charge of are crucial to ongoing and future US trade policy objectives including, for example, WTO Doha Round and relations with developing countries. To take part in the IV Program would ideally make him more sympathetic to, or at least more understanding of, U.S. positions on such issues. Furthermore, since he is in charge of negotiations and other issues important to the U.S., what he learns and experiences via this program will be passed on to those in his chain of command, both upward as well as downward.

Evidence of the fact that such an experience could make the French Ministry of Economics and Finance more amiable to U.S. interests is the testimony of the U.S. Embassy Trade Officer who has had contact with him for two years. This officer considers Saintoyant to be more open to external views than many other French officers in this trade directorate. He appears to be sensitive to new ideas and recognizes the importance of not evaluating issues through a protectionist, nationalistic lens. Providing him with further American acquaintances and an on-the-ground view of how the U.S. works could markedly broaden this potential high-level negotiator's worldview in a direction sympathetic to the U.S. Saintoyant will soon take a new position in the Ministry of Economics and Finance. A recent reorganization of this ministry has opened several positions that would allow him to exercise further influence in roles dealing with international trade as well as international finance issues. As an example of how influential these new positions are, one of the options would have him working for the preparation of G8 meetings. In the next 10 years, Saintoyant will almost certainly occupy a more senior position at the Ministry of Economics and Finance or overseas. It is even feasible that he will serve as an advisor to a French minister. In any case, his current role is vital enough that this program would, through him, make the Ministry of Economics and Finance more understanding of U.S. concerns.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: PA - U.S. Embassy Paris, France

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

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US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0

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